GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – V & E Cases - Vigilance Report No.91 – Irregularities in distribution of Fertilizers by AP MARKFED, Guntur – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri U.Narasimha Rao the then District Manager, MARKFED, Guntur and presently working as Project Director, ATMA Krishna District, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, – Charges held not proved – Dropping of further action - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 227 **Dated: 29-04-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt., Vigilance Report No.91 (C.No.997/ V&E/ (Dev.II) /D1/ 2011), dt.01.11.2012.
2. Govt. Memo. No.14005/Vig.I-1/2012-1, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.24.12.2012.
3. From the Managing Director, AP MARKFED, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter RC.No.APMF/2066214/U.Narasimha Rao/2023, dt.07.09.2023.
4. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, AP, Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(2)764/2012, dt.11.12.2023.
5. G.O.Rt.No.918, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.12.2023.
6. Written Statement of Defense of the Charged officer dt.22.02.2024 forwarded by the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(2)764/2012, dt.03.04.2024.
7. G.O.Rt.No.321, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.18.04.2024.
8. G.O.Rt.No.322, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.18.04.2024.
9. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(2)764/2012, dt.04.07.2024.
10. Govt. Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/298/2020, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.19.07.2024.
11. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-Vig.II(2) 764/2012, dt.28.09.2024.

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O R D E R :

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, General Adminstration (V&E) Department, A.P., has submitted Appraisal Report No.91 regarding certain irregularities noticed in distribution of Fertilizers by APMARKFED, Guntur to Institutional Agencies in Guntur District during Kharif 2010 and recommended to take action as against Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur and subsequently retired and Sri U.Narasimha Rao, District Manager, AP MARKFED Guntur.

2. In the reference 2nd read above a copy of the V & E Report was sent to the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad and requested to furnish draft Article of Charge against Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, the then Joint Director of Agriculture. Further, the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APMARKFED, Hyderabad was also requested to initiate disciplinary action against Sri U. Narasimha Rao, MD, AP MARKFED, Guntur.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Managing Director, AP MARKFED, A.P., Vijayawada, furnished the draft Article of charges in respect of Sri U. Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur, along with the relevant documents to the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, for further course of action. In turn, the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, AP, Guntur in the reference 4th read above has submitted Draft Article of Charge against Sri U. Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur to the Government for taking further necessary action.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Government issued Articles of Charge in respect of Sri U. Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED Guntur, as part of disciplinary proceedings against him, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) duly denying/accepting the Charge framed against him.

5. Further, in the reference 6th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has furnished date of acknowledgment on receipt of Article of Charge and Written Statement of Defense (WSD) of the Charged Officer

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Sri U. Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur, wherein the charged officer duly denying the charge framed against him and requested to drop further action in the matter.

6. The Written Statements of Defense of the Charged Officer is not convincing, the Government vide reference 7th read above appointed Smt.D.Prameela, Addl. Director of Agriculture, O/o C & DA, A.P., Guntur, as Inquiring Authority, under rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to conduct regular inquiry into the Articles of Charge issued against Sri U.Narasimha Rao, DDA, and the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Government also appointed Smt.P.Padmaja, Joint Director of Agriculture, O/o C & DA, A.P., Guntur, as Presenting Officer, under Sub-rule (5)(c) of Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority, on behalf of the Government.

8. In the reference 9th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the Inquiry Report submitted by Smt.D.Prameela, Addl. Director of Agriculture, O/o C & DA, A.P., Guntur & Inquiring authority, wherein she concluded that the Charges framed against Sri U.Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur and presently working as Project Director, ATMA, Krishna District, are not proved.

9. In the reference 10th read above, the Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, Sri U.Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, AP MARKFED, Guntur and presently working as Project Director, ATMA, Krishna District, through Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the Inquiry Report.

10. In the reference 11th read above, the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the date of acknowledgement of receipt of the Inquiry Report and representation submitted by the Charged Officer Sri U.Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur and presently working as Project Director, ATMA, Krishna District, in which he has stated that there are no objections on the findings and report of the Inquiry Officer and he has requested to drop further action, duly exonerating him from the Articles of Charges issued against him.

11. The Government, after careful examination of the matter and accepts the findings of the Inquiry Authority and accordingly, hereby dropped further action against Sri U.Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur and presently working as Project Director, ATMA, Krishna District, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly exonerating him from the Articles of Charge issued against him.

12. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR

EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri U.Narasimha Rao, the then District Manager, A.P. MARKFED, Guntur and
presently working as Project Director, ATMA, Krishna District.
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.)
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The MD, AP MARKFED, Vijayawada
The District Treasury Officer, Krishna District.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5thBlock, 1st Floor,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER